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SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: So, with that, thank you, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Senator Dwite Pedersen, please, to speak to the FA944.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. AM3134 we had in the Judiciary Committee obviously, and Senator Brashear has already talked about that and I'm supportive of that. I don't know that I'm in support of the amendment to it, FA944, and I'll tell you just a little bit about my feeling and then hope that Senator Beutler is listening and then I'm going to give him the rest of my time and see if he can explain a little bit more how this amendment will fit in there. I hear him saying that he wants to tighten the money that comes in for these driver safety programs so that they be used only for driver safety. That, in his theory, that I understand would be fine because of some experience that I have received after watching and studying one of the driver safety programs in Omaha, which is the Greater Omaha Safety Council, which has grown into quite a mushroom of a business and it is...gets most of its fees...had to start out with fees from the diversion program for driver safety, however, it's grown into far more other programs. They do DUI classes for people who have been driving under the influence, which is also done by substance abuse counselors. Guess who is one. They do MIP classes, minor in possession. They've grown...they do anger. It's grown into quite a business and I wonder how it could have grown into this business without using some of that money that originally was meant for driver safety. There's a program down in Sarpy County that came in and I'm real...real impressed by the program down there and think that they're doing a wonderful job and hope that we're going to model some legislation in the future after them and I know part of this is for them. So, at that, I...it's basically just questions and I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Thompson, please. Senator Thompson.